



# Lancaster Conservation District Annual Report For 2007

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## A Note From The Chairman



Dear Newsletter Recipients:

As the world's population grows, it is more important than ever that we conserve our natural resources.

At the Lancaster Conservation District we are doing our part to keep the issues of clean water, clean air and protecting our environment on the minds of the people, especially young people. With the financial assistance of our affiliate members and newsletter sponsors we use all of this income to promote and educate the students in Lancaster County about conserving our natural resources. The Lancaster Conservation District has a partnership with the federal and state government. With our education program, the technical expertise of our federal partner, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, and the valuable resources of our state partner, SC Department of Natural Resources, we are able to provide a complete conservation package to the citizens of Lancaster County.

We appreciate the financial assistance from our affiliate members and newsletter sponsors for 2007-2008. We invite those who would like to be a part of this important effort to promote our natural resources to join us and become affiliate members and/or newsletter sponsors for 2008-2009.

Sincerely,  
William "Bill" Ardrey, Chairman

The mission of the Lancaster Conservation District is to enhance awareness of natural resources by educating school children, citizens, and community leaders about conservation and environmental issues.

### Affiliate Membership

YOU can be instrumental in helping conserve Lancaster County's natural resources. Affiliate Members are a vital part of our conservation team! Without monetary support given by Affiliate Members, we would not be able to carry out the many programs needed to promote conservation within the county.

Monies collected through the Affiliate Membership Program will be used to advance our educational programs.

Please fill out the donation form and mail to:

Lancaster Conservation District

1771-D Hwy. 521 Bypass South

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All contributions are tax deductible.

We look forward to working with you to make Lancaster County a better place to live.

☐ Land Conservationist - \$30.00 donation

☐ Soil & Water Protector-\$50.00 donation

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### New Email Address

Our email address has changed to **amanda.roberts@sc.usda.gov**

### Correction

In our Education Newsletter we sent out in March 2008, we would like to make a correction. Jaime-Leigh Johnson won \$50.00 as the 2nd Place Winner in our 2007 Conservation Photo Contest. We are sorry for this mistake.

### Remembering Mr. Alexander February 22, 1917 to May 24, 2007



From left, Von Snelgrove of the SC Department of Natural Resources, Julia and Glenn Alexander and John Finch, a board member of the National Association of Conservation Districts, at the induction of Glenn Alexander into the Southeast Conservation Hall of Fame in August of 2006.

### 2007 Conservation Farmer of the Year James I. Starnes, Jr.



**James I. Starnes, Jr.**  
receiving his plaque with  
**Sandy Nelson, Commissioner,**  
on September 10, 2007.

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If you would like a copy of the full articles above or on any of the education program articles in this newsletter please contact Amanda Roberts, District Manager for the Lancaster Conservation District at 803-286-4455 ext. 3.  
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## CONSERVATION PLANS AND FEDERAL CONSERVATION GRANT PROGRAMS FOR FARMERS AND LANDOWNERS

The Conservation District's technical partner is the US Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS). NRCS is the soils and engineering expert of USDA, and is in charge of grant programs for farmers and landowners.

"There are special grant programs for small farmers, and additional funding is available for farmers and landowners with moderate and low incomes," said Ann Christie, Lancaster County Director of NRCS. "We hope to be able to help people who have not participated in our programs before."

"Most farmers don't realize that when they fence animals out of streams and install water tanks, or plant grass, they are improving the health of their animals, but also improving water quality for their land and the rest of us," said Christie. "Likewise, when landowners thin pine trees, conduct controlled burning and improve wildlife habitat, they are improving the environment for all of us."

"The best part of my job is visiting farmers and landowners on their property and planning for the future," Christie said. "I can listen to their concerns and plans, and we can work out a plan for conservation on the land they own or control. Then, if they decide to ask for grant funds and a contract, we can work together on those."

According to Christie, the grant program provides at least 50% reimbursement for installing conservation practices to improve the farming operation and benefit the environment. Christie said landowners and farmers must register their land with the US Department of Agriculture.



Farmers and landowners interested in the conservation programs should call the Conservation Office at 803-286-4455, extension 3 and ask for an appointment with her.

## Education Program

### 2007 ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION AT BUFORD HIGH SCHOOL



### ENVIROSCAPE PRESENTATIONS



### 2007 CONSERVATION CONTEST WINNERS

#### Conservation Poster Contest Winners:

1<sup>st</sup> place county winner of \$50 Avery Snipes at McDonald Green Elementary

2<sup>nd</sup> place county winner of \$30: Andrew Bernal at Indian Land Elementary

3<sup>rd</sup> place county winner of \$20: Parker Wallace at McDonald Green Elementary

Teacher Susan Gardner at McDonald Green Elementary School won \$50 since her student was the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner.

Indian Land Elementary School had the most participation with 366 students. The school received a \$75 gift card to Wal-Mart.

#### Conservation Bulletin Board Contest Winners:

1<sup>st</sup> place classroom county winner of a pizza party: 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Classes at Kershaw Elementary School

2<sup>nd</sup> place classroom county winner of an ice cream party: Special Needs Class for Children with Profound Disabilities at Heath Springs Elementary School

3<sup>rd</sup> place classroom county winner of an ice cream party: Ecowarriors Class at Indian Land Elementary

Teachers Mr. Morton, Ms. Faulkenberry, Ms. Shores, and Ms. McLemore at Kershaw Elementary School won \$50 since their Science Class was the 1<sup>st</sup> place classroom county winner.

Teacher Ms. Curry at Heath Springs Elementary School won \$40 since her class was the 2<sup>nd</sup> place classroom county winner.

Teacher Ms. Trufan at Indian Elementary School won \$30 since her Ecowarriors Class was the 3<sup>rd</sup> place classroom county winner.

Kershaw Elementary School had the most participation with 80 students. The school received a \$75 gift card to Wal-Mart.

#### Conservation Multi-Media Contest Winners:

1<sup>st</sup> place county winner of \$75: Zakerra Killian at South Middle School

2<sup>nd</sup> place county winner of \$50: Krissy Gardner at South Middle School

3<sup>rd</sup> place county winner of \$25: Michaela Oswald at South Middle School

South Middle School had the most participation with 92 students. The school received a \$75 gift card to Wal-Mart.

#### Conservation Photo Contest Winners:

1<sup>st</sup> place county winner of \$75: Cynthia Wilson at Indian Land High School

2<sup>nd</sup> place county winner of \$50: Jaime Leigh Johnson at Andrew Jackson High School

3<sup>rd</sup> place county winner of \$25: Ashley Trank at Indian Land High School

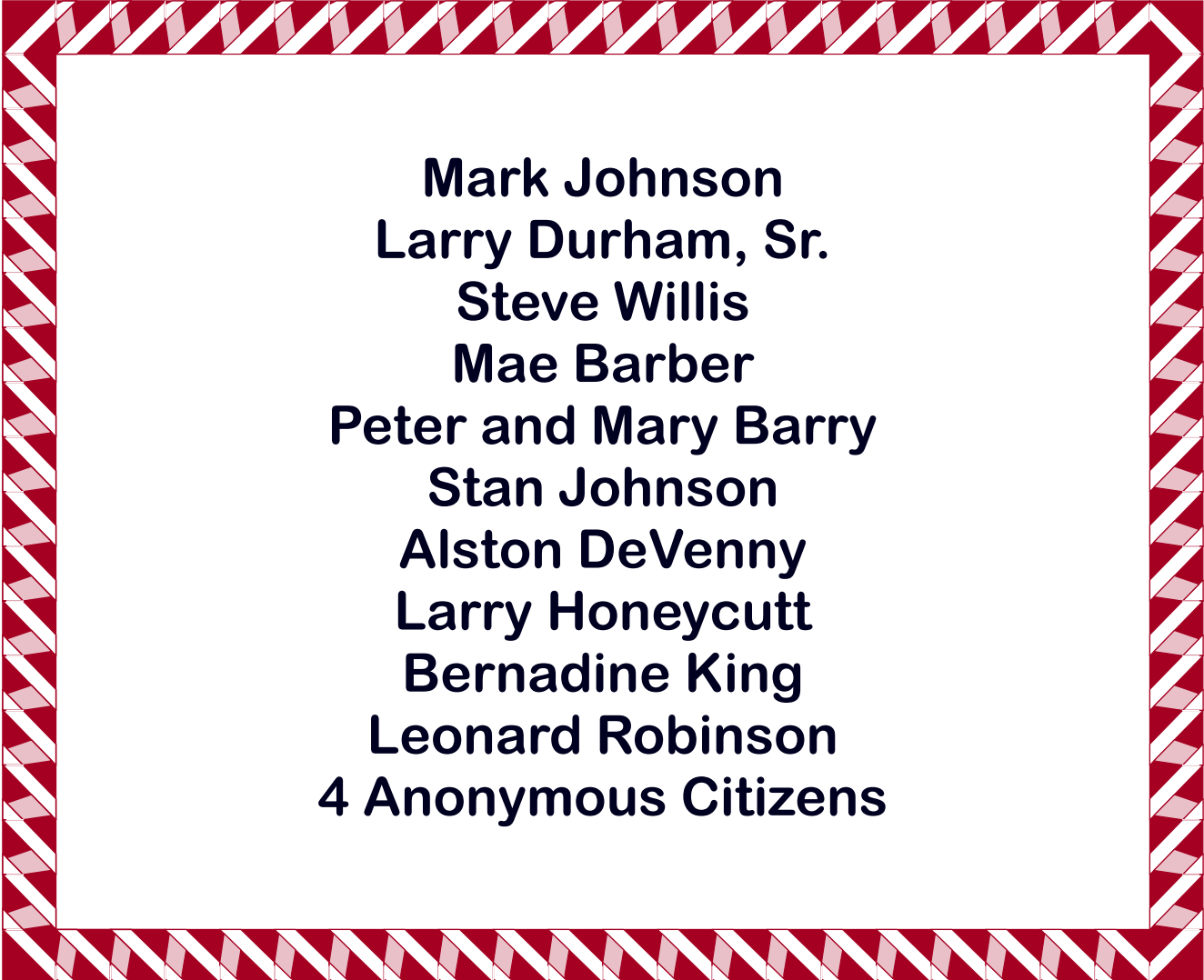
Indian Land High School had the most participation with 57 students. The school received a \$75 gift card to Wal-Mart.

### **Long Range Plan**

**The Lancaster Conservation District writes a long range plan every five years. The long range plan has goals and objectives that the conservation district would like to implement in these five years.**

**The Lancaster Conservation District mailed a questionnaire to a selected group of citizens and public officials in Lancaster County. The District asked for input on concerns they have about conservation in the county and what they would like to see the Lancaster Conservation District address in the next five years. The Conservation District mailed 60 surveys and received 14 back with input.**

**The Lancaster Conservation District would like to thank the following people for helping us write our long range plan for 2007-2012:**



**Mark Johnson  
Larry Durham, Sr.  
Steve Willis  
Mae Barber  
Peter and Mary Barry  
Stan Johnson  
Alston DeVenny  
Larry Honeycutt  
Bernadine King  
Leonard Robinson  
4 Anonymous Citizens**

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The Lancaster Conservation District would like to thank the Affiliate Members for their contributions. Your contributions made it possible for us to sponsor educational activities in Lancaster County. Also, special thanks go to the Newsletter Sponsors for putting your advertisements in the newsletter. Thank you so much to everyone who had a part in making this year a great and memorable one for Lancaster County!!

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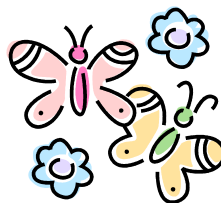
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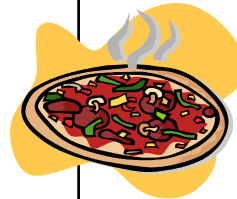
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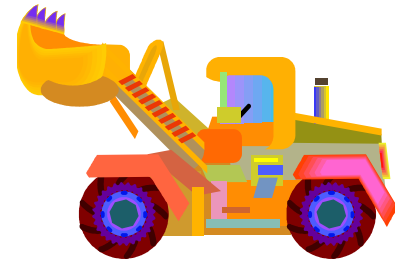
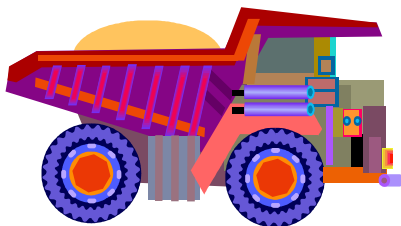


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### **Lancaster Conservation**

#### **District Personnel:**

Amanda Roberts,  
District Manager

#### **SC Department of Natural Resources**

#### **Personnel:**

Jackie Heuermann,  
Program Coordinator

#### **US Department of Agriculture– Natural Resources Conservation**

#### **Services Personnel:**

Ann Christie,  
District Conservationist

Stan VanDerSnick,  
Conservation Aide

Commissioners of the  
Lancaster Conserva-  
tion District meet on  
the first Monday of  
every month at 7:00  
p.m. Meetings are held  
at the district office at  
1771 Hwy. 521 Bypass  
South in Lancaster, SC.

You are welcome to  
join us for these  
meetings!



### **Officials for the Lancaster Conservation District:**

Bill Ardrey, Chair

Gary Moore, Vice-Chair

Joe Ghent, Secretary/ Treasurer

Sam Cranston, Commissioner

Sandy Nelson, Commissioner

### **Associate Commissioners:**

Joyce Heath and Pamela Stewart

### **District Chaplain:**

Rev. R.A. Morrison

### **District Manager:**

Amanda Roberts

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**All programs and services of the Lancaster Conservation District are offered on a nondiscriminatory basis without regard to race, color, age, gender, national origin, religion, handicap or marital status.**